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CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A trailer hitch receiver assembly for towing a trailer behind a towing vehicle, comprising:

- a frame member including a hitch receiver box;
- at least one mounting bracket carried on said frame member for securing said frame member to the vehicle;
- a trailer light plug; and
- a DC utility power outlet adapted to receive a single 12 volt power plug.

2. (original) The trailer hitch receiver assembly of Claim 1, wherein said DC utility power outlet is carried on said frame member.

3. (original) The trailer hitch receiver assembly of Claim 2, wherein said DC utility power outlet includes a hinged cover.

4. (currently amended) A trailer hitch receiver assembly for towing a trailer behind a towing vehicle, comprising:

- a frame member including a hitch receiver box;
- at least one mounting bracket carried on said frame member

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for securing said frame member to the vehicle;

a trailer light plug; and

an AC utility power outlet adapted to receive a standard two prong or three prong plug.

5. (original) The trailer hitch receiver assembly of Claim 4, wherein said AC utility power outlet is carried on said frame member.

6. (original) The trailer hitch receiver assembly of Claim 4, wherein said AC utility power outlet includes a hinged cover.

7. (currently amended) A trailer hitch receiver assembly for towing a trailer behind a towing vehicle, comprising:

a frame member including a hitch receiver box;

at least one mounting bracket carried on said frame member for securing said frame member to the vehicle;

a DC utility power outlet; and

an AC utility power outlet adapted to receive a standard two prong or three prong plug.

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8. (original) The trailer hitch receiver assembly of Claim 7, wherein said DC and AC utility power outlets are carried on said frame member.
9. (original) The trailer hitch receiver assembly of Claim 7, wherein said DC utility power outlet is carried on said frame member on a first side of said receiver box and said AC utility power outlet is carried on said frame member on a second side of said receiver box.
10. (canceled)
11. (previously amended) A method of powering an electrical device from a trailer hitch receiver assembly, comprising:
- providing a trailer hitch receiver assembly with a utility power outlet and a trailer light plug; and
 - powering said utility power outlet from said towing vehicle to which the trailer hitch assembly is connected.
12. (original) The method of Claim 11, including powering said utility power outlet with 12 volt DC power from a battery of the towing vehicle.

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13. (currently amended) The method of Claim 11, including powering said utility outlet with 110 volt AC power from a power inverter [invertor] on the towing vehicle.

14. (previously amended) The trailer hitch receiver assembly of claim 7 further including a trailer light plug.

15. (currently amended) A trailer hitch receiver assembly for towing a trailer behind a towing vehicle, comprising:

a frame member including a hitch receiver box;

at least one mounting bracket carried on said frame member for securing said frame member to the vehicle;

a trailer light plug; and

a DC utility power outlet for powering equipment other than a trailer, said power outlet adapted to receive a single 12 volt power plug.

16. (currently amended) A trailer hitch receiver assembly for towing a trailer behind a towing vehicle, comprising:

a frame member including a hitch receiver box;

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at least one mounting bracket carried on said frame member for securing said frame member to the vehicle;

a trailer light plug; and

a standard 110 volt AC utility power outlet adapted to receive a standard two prong or three prong plug.

17. (currently amended) A trailer hitch receiver assembly for towing a trailer behind a towing vehicle, comprising:

a frame member including a hitch receiver box;

at least one mounting bracket carried on said frame member for securing said frame member to the vehicle;

a trailer light plug; and

an AC utility power outlet for powering equipment other than a trailer, said power outlet adapted to receive a standard two prong or three prong plug.

18. (currently amended) A method of powering an electrical device from a trailer hitch receiver assembly, comprising:

providing a trailer hitch receiver assembly with a trailer light plug and a utility power outlet selected from a group consisting of a standard 12 volt DC power

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outlet adapted to receive a single 12 volt power plug and a standard 110 volt AC power outlet adapted to receive a standard two prong or three prong plug; and
powering said utility power outlet from said towing vehicle to which the trailer hitch assembly is connected.

19. (previously presented) A method of powering an electrical device from a trailer hitch receiver assembly, comprising:

providing a trailer hitch receiver assembly with a utility power outlet for powering equipment other than a trailer and a trailer light plug; and

powering said utility power outlet from said towing vehicle to which the trailer hitch assembly is connected.

20. (currently amended) A trailer hitch receiver assembly for towing a trailer behind a towing vehicle, comprising:

a central frame member including a hitch receiver box;

at least one mounting bracket carried on said central frame member for securing said central frame member to the vehicle;

a standard 12 volt DC power outlet; and

a standard 110 volt AC power outlet adapted to receive a standard two prong or three prong plug.

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21. (previously presented) A trailer hitch receiver assembly for towing a trailer behind a towing vehicle, comprising:
- a central frame member including a hitch receiver box;
 - at least one mounting bracket carried on said central frame member for securing said central frame member to the vehicle;
 - a DC utility power outlet for powering equipment other than a trailer; and
 - an AC utility power outlet for powering equipment other than a trailer.
22. (currently amended) A trailer hitch receiver assembly for towing a trailer behind a towing vehicle, comprising:
- a frame member including a hitch receiver box;
 - at least one mounting bracket carried on said frame member for securing said frame member to the vehicle;
 - a trailer light plug; and
 - a standard 12 volt DC utility power receptacle adapted to receive a single 12 volt power plug.